UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Central Valley Project, California

INTERIM RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND

CLEAR CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE

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1 2	Contract No. 14-06-200-489-A-IR6
3 4 5 6	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Central Valley Project, California
7	INTERIM RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
8 9	<u>AND</u> CLEAR CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
10	PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE
11	THIS CONTRACT, made this <u>28th</u> day of <u>February</u> 2001, in pursuance
12	generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or supplementary
13	thereto, including, but not limited to, the acts of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844), as amended and
14	supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented, July 2, 1956 (70
15	Stat. 483), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1262), as amended and Title
16	XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706), all collectively hereinafter referred to as
17	the Federal Reclamation law, between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter
18	referred to as the United States, and CLEAR CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT,
19	hereinafter referred to as the Contractor, a public agency of the State of California, duly
20	organized, existing, and acting pursuant to the laws thereof, with its principal place of business in
21	Shasta County, California;
22	WITNESSETH, That:
23	EXPLANATORY RECITALS
24	WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central Valley
25	Project, California for diversion, storage, carriage, distribution and beneficial use, for flood
26	control, irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and wildlife mitigation, protection and
27	restoration, generation and distribution of electric energy, salinity control, navigation and other

1 beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River, the American River, the Trinity River, and 2 the San Joaquin River and their tributaries; and 3 WHEREAS, the United States constructed the Clear Creek South Unit, the 4 facilities of which will be used for the furnishing of water to meet area needs, including the 5 Contractor pursuant to the terms of this interim renewal contract; and WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States entered into Contract No. 14-6 7 06-200-489-A dated May 14, 1963, as amended by an amendatory contract dated June 30, 1965, 8 and by a letter agreement from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Contractor dated December 14, 9 1971, which letter agreement was accepted and countersigned by the Contractor on December 21, 10 1971, which contracts and letter agreement provided the Contractor Central Valley Project water 11 from the Whiskeytown Reservoir and the Muletown Conduit; and 12 WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States entered into interim renewal 13 contract(s) identified as Contract No(s). 14-06-200-489-A-IR1, 14-06-200-489-A-IR2, 14-06-14 200-489-A-IR3, 14-06-200-489-A-IR4, and 14-06-200-489-A-IR5, the latter of which is 15 hereinafter referred to as the Existing Interim Renewal Contract, which provided for the 16 continued water service to the Contractor from December 1, 2000 through February 28, 2001; 17 and WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Contractor has to date 18

fulfilled all of its obligations under the Existing Interim Renewal Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer has determined that the Contractor has to date

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WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer has determined that the Contractor has the capability to fully utilize for reasonable and beneficial use, or shown projected future reasonable and beneficial use for, the quantity of Project Water to be made available to it pursuant to this interim renewal contract; and

1	WHEREAS, certain water users located outside the Contractor's boundaries are
2	desirous of obtaining or continuing an existing water supply from the Contractor; and
3	WHEREAS, the Contractor is willing to furnish water to said water users from
4	water supplies made available pursuant to this contract or from other sources approved by the
5	Contracting Officer; and
6	WHEREAS, subject to the capacity of the facilities of the Clear Creek South Unit
7	the United States is willing to furnish water to the Contractor which may be used by the
8	Contractor to provide, under the terms and conditions of this contract, a water supply to certain
9	water users located outside the boundaries of the Contractor; and
10	WHEREAS, the Contractor has requested a subsequent interim renewal contract
11	pursuant to the Existing Interim Renewal Contract, Federal Reclamation law and the laws of the
12	State of California, for water service from the Central Valley Project; and
13	WHEREAS, rights of renewal of Contract No. 14-06-200-489-A, as amended, and
14	to convert said contract to a contract as provided by subsection (d), Section 9 of the Act of
15	August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187) are set forth in said contract; and
16	WHEREAS, Section 3404 of the CVPIA, precludes long-term renewal of water
17	service contracts until the completion of appropriate environmental documentation, including a
18	programmatic environmental impact statement ("PEIS") pursuant to the National Environmental
19	Policy Act analyzing the direct and indirect impacts and benefits of implementing the CVPIA
20	and the potential renewal of all existing contracts for Project Water; and
21	WHEREAS, in order to continue water service provided under Project water
22	service contracts that expire prior to the completion of the PEIS, the United States intends to
23	execute interim renewal contracts for a period not to exceed three (3) Years in length, and for

1	successive interim periods of not more than two (2) Years in length, until appropriate environ-
2	mental documentation, including the PEIS, is finally completed, at which time the Secretary
3	shall, pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, upon request of the Contractor, enter into a long-term
4	renewal contract for a period of twenty-five (25) Years; and may thereafter renew such long-term
5	renewal contracts for successive periods not to exceed twenty-five (25)Years each; and
6	WHEREAS, the Secretary intends to assure uninterrupted water service and
7	continuity of contract through the process set forth in Article 2 hereof; and
8	WHEREAS, the United States is willing to renew the Existing Interim Renewal
9	Contract pursuant to section 3404(c)(1) of the CVPIA on the terms and conditions set forth
10	below.
11	NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants
12	herein contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows:
13	<u>DEFINITIONS</u>
14	1. When used herein unless otherwise distinctly expressed, or manifestly incompati-
15	ble with the intent hereof, the term:
16	(a) "Calendar Year" shall mean the period January 1 through December 31,
17	both dates inclusive;
18	(b) "Charges" shall mean the payments in addition to the Rates determined
19	annually by the Contracting Officer, required by the Federal Reclamation law, including
20	Section 3407 of CVPIA;
21	(c) "Contractor's Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Contractor is
22	permitted to provide Project Water under this interim renewal contract, which area shall
23	consist of the lands within the Contractor's boundaries and the lands outside of the

Contractor's boundaries which are within the Contractor's "sphere of influence" as
established by the Shasta County Local Agency Formation Commission in accordance
with California law. Contractor's current service area is identified in Exhibit "A". The
Contractor's Service Area and Exhibit "A" may be modified upon approval of the
Contracting Officer without amendment of this contract. New water service connections
in the Contractor's Service Area which are outside the Contractor's boundaries, shall be
subject to prior approval of the Contracting Officer.

- (d) "CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, TitleXXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706);
- (e) "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water made available to the Contractor and diverted at the point(s) of delivery approved by the Contracting Officer;
- (f) "Eligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may be delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the Reclamation Reform Act of October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263), as amended, hereinafter referred to as RRA;
- (g) "Excess Lands" shall mean all lands defined as excess in Section 204 of the RRA, other than those lands exempt from acreage limitation under Federal Reclamation law;
- (h) "Full Cost Rate" shall mean that water rate described in Sections 205(a)(3) or 202(3) of the RRA, whichever is applicable;
- (i) "Ineligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may not be delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the RRA;

(j) "Irrigation Water" shall mean Project Water which is used primarily in the production of agricultural crops or livestock, including domestic use incidental thereto, and watering of livestock;

- (k) "Landholder" shall mean an individual or entity attributed with the total irrigable acreage of one or more tracts of land situated in one or more districts owned and/or operated under a lease which is served with Irrigation Water pursuant to a contract with the United States;
- (l) "M&I Water" shall mean water made available from the Project other than Irrigation Water. M&I Water shall include water used for purposes such as the watering of landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horses) which are kept for personal enjoyment or water delivered to landholdings operated in units of less than 2 acres unless the Contractor establishes to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the use of water delivered to any such landholding is a use described in subdivision (j) of this Article;
- (m) "O&M" shall mean normal and reasonable care, control, operation, repair, replacement, administration of federal lands and facilities, and maintenance of the Transferred Works;
- (n) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United States and operated by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;
- (o) "Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or delivered by the United States in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project and in accordance with the terms and conditions of applicable water rights permits and licenses acquired by and/or issued to the United States pursuant to California law;

(p)	"Rates" shall mean the payments determined annually by the Contracting
Officer in ac	cordance with the then current applicable water ratesetting policies for the
Project;	

- (q) "Secretary" or "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the
 United States Department of the Interior or his duly authorized representative;
- (r) "Year" shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each Calendar Year through the last day of February of the following Calendar Year;
- (s) "Project Works" shall mean the Muletown Conduit extending from the downstream side of the bifurcation valve at the outlet works of Whiskeytown Dam to the terminus of the conduit at the existing pressure regulating tank located at the Contractor's northern boundary, together with all necessary federal lands and related facilities and structures located thereon;
- (t) "Distribution System" shall mean the general distribution and lateral system, and related works or portions thereof, and all federal lands and federal interests in lands held in connection therewith, which was constructed by the United States pursuant to Contract No. 14-06-200-489-A, as amended;
- (u) "Transferred Works" shall mean "Project Works" or "Distribution

 System", or both, as defined herein, or portions thereof which have been transferred to the

 Contractor for operation and maintenance pursuant to the terms of Contract No. 14-06
 200-489-A, as amended;
- (v) "M&I Full Cost Rate" shall mean the annual rate which, as determined by the Secretary, shall amortize the expenditures for construction allocable to Project M&I facilities in service at the interest rates described in paragraph 3 of Section 202 of the

Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA), plus all operation and maintenance deficits funded, less payments, over such periods as may be required under Federal reclamation law or applicable contract provisions, with interest on both accruing from the dates such costs were first incurred plus the applicable rate for the operation, maintenance and replacement of such Project facilities.

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TERM OF CONTRACT - RIGHT TO USE OF WATER

2. (a) This interim renewal contract shall be effective from March 1, 2001 and shall remain in effect through February 28, 2002, and thereafter will be renewed as described in this article. Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this Article, until completion of all appropriate environmental review, and provided that the Contractor has complied with all the terms and conditions of the interim renewal contract in effect for the period immediately preceding the requested successive interim renewal contract, this interim renewal contract will be renewed, upon request of the Contractor, for successive interim periods each of which shall be no more than two (2) Years in length. Also, except as provided in subdivision (b) of this Article, in order to promote orderly and cost effective contract administration, the terms and conditions in subsequent interim renewal contracts shall be identical to the terms and conditions in the interim renewal contract immediately preceding the subsequent interim renewal contract: Provided, however, That each party preserves the right to propose modification(s) in any interim renewal contract other than those described in subdivision (b) of this Article, in which case the parties shall negotiate in good faith appropriate modification(s) to be included in any successive interim renewal contracts. Said modification(s) of each successive interim renewal contract shall be agreed upon within a reasonable time prior to the expiration of the then existing interim renewal contract. Nothing in this Article shall in any way alter the obligation that, upon final completion

of the PEIS and any necessary supplemental environmental documentation, the Secretary shall, pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, upon request of the Contractor, enter into a long-term renewal contract for a period of twenty-five (25) Years and may thereafter renew such long-term renewal contracts for successive periods not to exceed twenty-five (25) Years each. The Contractor asserts that Contract No. 14-06-200-489-A, as amended, and existing law go beyond the preceding sentence to give it enforceable rights to successive long-term renewal contracts. The Contracting Officer disagrees with that assertion. The parties agree that this interim renewal contract preserves the rights and positions of the parties and that the omission of language in this interim renewal contract setting out the rights asserted by the Contractor to successive renewals is not intended to be, nor shall it be interpreted as, a waiver of any such rights to the extent any such rights are later determined to exist by a court of competent jurisdiction or by mutual agreement of the parties. If a court of competent jurisdiction or the parties by mutual agreement determine that incorporation of such language in this interim renewal contract is necessary to preserve such rights, this interim renewal contract shall be construed as incorporating such language as though fully set forth herein as of the effective date hereof.

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- (b) The parties anticipate that they will engage in good faith negotiations intended to permit the execution of a twenty-five (25) Year long-term renewal contract contemplated by Section 3404 (c) of the CVPIA, hereinafter referred to as a "long-term renewal contract", by the end of the term hereof. The parties recognize the possibility that this schedule may not be met. Accordingly:
- (1) In the event (i) the Contractor and Contracting Officer have reached agreement on the terms of the Contractor's long-term renewal contract or (ii) the Contractor and Contracting Officer have not completed the negotiations on the Contractor's

long-term renewal contract, believe that further negotiations on that contract would be beneficial, and mutually commit to continue to negotiate to seek to reach agreement, but (iii) all environmental documentation required to allow execution of the Contractor's long-term renewal contract by both parties has not been completed in time to allow execution of the Contractor's long-term renewal contract by November 30, 2001, then (iv) the parties will expeditiously complete the environmental documentation required of each of them in order to execute the Contractor's long-term renewal contract at the earliest practicable date. In addition, the Contractor's then current interim renewal contract will be renewed without change upon the request of either party through the agreed-upon effective date of the Contractor's long-term renewal contract or, in the absence of agreement on the terms of the Contractor's long-term renewal contract, through the succeeding February 28.

renewal under the terms described in subdivision (1) of this Article, if a party determines that the parties have reached an impasse which they have been unable to resolve and which precludes agreement on the long-term renewal contract, that party may notify the other that it has concluded that there is no reasonable likelihood of reaching agreement on the terms of a long-term renewal contract. In the event of such notice, the parties will immediately agree to a schedule and process for negotiating the terms (other than any terms that would impair continuity of water supply or continuity of contract) of and executing an interim renewal contract; provided that neither party will propose for inclusion in the interim renewal contract any provision not previously included in an existing interim renewal contract which it had previously proposed for inclusion in the long-term renewal contract and which was the subject of an impasse in the long-term renewal contract negotiations. The schedule will provide for completion of the negotiations of the terms

of that contract by February 1, 2002, and for execution of the contract on or about February 15, 2002. The parties each acknowledge the right of either party to seek judicial relief in connection with any impasse reached in connection with negotiation of the long-term renewal contract and/or an interim renewal contract that would become effective on or after February 28, 2002.

- matter of law to an interim renewal contract of longer duration than twelve (12) months, and that the Contracting Officer asserts that it is under no obligation to provide the Contractor with an interim renewal contract of any particular duration. Accordingly, the parties further acknowledge that (i) the foregoing process represents a mutual accommodation to facilitate their joint desire to proceed with the development of a long-term renewal contract in an expeditious and orderly manner, (ii) they each preserve their respective rights and positions relative to the entitlement of the Contractor to subsequent interim renewal contracts should they become necessary, and the terms thereof, and (iii) their agreement to the process and interim renewal contract terms described above is in no way intended to be, nor will it be interpreted as, a waiver of any such rights or positions, all of which are and will be expressly preserved.
- (d) The omission of language in this interim renewal contract providing for conversion of this interim renewal contract or any subsequent renewals thereof to a repayment contract, pursuant to the Act of July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483), shall not prejudice the Contractor's right to assert a right to have such language included in subsequent renewals of this interim renewal contract or to exercise such conversion, all as provided by law, or to negotiate the language regarding such conversion to be included in subsequent renewal contracts.

WATER TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED TO THE CONTRACTOR

- 3. (a) Subject to the provisions set forth in Articles 11 and 12 hereof, and consistent with applicable State water rights, permits and licenses, the Contractor is entitled to, and the Contracting Officer shall be obligated to make available to the Contractor up to 15,300 acre-feet of Project Water for irrigation and/or municipal and industrial purposes during the term of this interim renewal contract. The quantity of Project Water delivered to the Contractor in accordance with this Article 3(a) in any Year shall be scheduled and paid for pursuant to the provisions of Articles 4 and 7 hereof, and shall not exceed the quantity of Project Water the Contractor intends to put to reasonable beneficial use within the Contractor's Service Area, or sold, transferred, or exchanged pursuant to Article 9, or sold pursuant to Article 27 hereof, during the term of this interim renewal contract.
- (b) The Contractor shall utilize the Project Water made available to it pursuant to this interim renewal contract in accordance with all applicable requirements of any Biological Opinion addressing the execution of this interim renewal contract developed pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended, and in accordance with environmental documentation as may be required for specific activities, including conversion of Irrigation Water to M&I Water.
- (c) The Contractor shall make reasonable and beneficial use of Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this interim renewal contract. Use of Project Water in a groundwater recharge program shall be permitted under this contract to the extent that it is recognized as a reasonable and beneficial use of water under California law and is otherwise

carried out in accordance with California law; Provided, however, that such a groundwater recharge program cannot be undertaken until the Contractor submits a groundwater management plan that is consistent and in compliance with any Central Valley Project-wide groundwater recharge policies that may hereafter be adopted by the Bureau of Reclamation and that demonstrates to the Contracting Officer's satisfaction that groundwater recharge will enhance the Contractor's use and management of its overall water supply. Further, the use of Project Water by sale to certain water users outside the Contractor's Service Area, as authorized under Article 27 hereof and approved by the Contracting Officer, shall be considered a reasonable and beneficial use of Project Water.

- (d) If the Contracting Officer determines that Project Water, or other water available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractor in addition to the quantity of Project Water made available to the Contractor pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractor. If the Contractor requests the delivery of any quantity of such water, the Contracting Officer shall make such water available to the Contractor in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines and policies.
- (e) If the Contractor requests permission to reschedule for use during the subsequent Year some or all of the Project Water made available to the Contractor during the current Year or to use, during the current Year, that quantity of Project Water the United States has agreed to make available to the Contractor during the subsequent Year, the Contracting Officer may permit such uses in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines and policies.
- (f) The Contractor's right pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and applicable

 State law to the beneficial use of water furnished pursuant to this interim renewal contract, any

subsequent interim renewal contract and, as described in Article 2(a), any long-term renewal contract, shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor shall fulfill all of its obligations under this interim renewal contract and any such renewal thereof. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall affect the Contracting Officer's ability to impose shortages under Article 12 of this interim renewal contract and the applicable provisions of any such renewal thereof.

(g) Notwithstanding subdivisions (j) and (l) of Article 1, Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this interim renewal contract may be delivered for purposes other than those described in subdivisions (j) and (l) of Article 1 upon written approval by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the terms and conditions of such approval.

TIME FOR DELIVERY OF WATER

- 4. (a) On or about February 15, of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall declare the amount of Project Water estimated to be made available to the Contractor pursuant to this interim renewal contract for the upcoming Year. The declaration will be updated monthly, as necessary, based on current hydrologic conditions. The Contracting Officer shall make available the forecast of Project operations, with relevant supporting information, upon the written request of the Contractor or its representatives. Upon written request of the Contractor, the Contracting Officer shall provide the basis of the estimate which shall include, but not be limited to, a monthly pumping forecast for the O'Neill Pumping Plant, the projected carryover of Project reservoirs, projected CVPIA impacts, projected Endangered Species Act and all other regulatory impacts.
- (b) On or before each March 1, the Contractor shall submit to the Contracting

 Officer and at such other times as necessary, a written schedule, satisfactory to the Contracting

 Officer, showing the times, and quantities of Project Water to be delivered by the United States

to the Contractor during the upcoming Year pursuant to this interim renewal contract, and, consistent with subdivision (a) of Article 3 herein.

States shall deliver Project Water to the Contractor in accordance with the initial schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to subdivision (b) of this Article, or any revision(s) thereto submitted within a reasonable time prior to the date(s) on which the requested change(s) is/are to be implemented.

POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

- 5. (a) The Project Water to be furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this interim renewal contract shall be made available to the Contractor at the downstream side of the bifurcation valve at the Whiskeytown Dam outlet works and any additional point or points of delivery either on Project facilities or another location or locations mutually agreed to in writing by the Contracting Officer and the Contractor.
- (b) The Contracting Officer shall make all reasonable efforts to furnish Project Water to the Contractor at the full design head of the aforementioned bifurcation valve less any reductions in capacity or head caused by devices or systems owned, installed, or utilized by the Contractor which are not part of the Project Works.
- (c) Irrigation Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this interim renewal contract shall be delivered by the Contractor in accordance with any applicable land classification provisions of Federal Reclamation law and the associated regulations. Project Water shall not be delivered to land outside the Contractor's Service Area unless approved in advance by the Contracting Officer.

(d) All Project Water delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this interim renewal contract shall be measured and recorded with equipment furnished, installed, operated and maintained by the Contractor at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. Upon the request of either party to this interim renewal contract, the Contractor shall investigate the accuracy of such measurements and shall take any necessary steps to adjust any errors appearing therein to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall advise the Contracting Officer on or before the 10th calendar day of each month of the quantity of M&I and Irrigation Water taken during the preceding month.

handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Project Water made available to the Contractor pursuant to this interim renewal contract beyond the delivery points specified in subdivision (a) of this Article. The Contractor shall indemnify the United States its officers, employees, agents and assigns on account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever for which there is legal responsibility, including property damage, personal injury or death arising out of or connected with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of such Project Water beyond such delivery points, except for any damage or claim arising out of (i) acts performed by the United States or any of its officers, employees, agents or assigns, with the united States or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, or (iii) negligence of the United States or any of its officers, employees, agents or assigns.

MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE DISTRICT

6. (a) As of the date hereof, the Contractor measures all deliveries of Irrigation Water and M&I Water at its agricultural turnouts or service connections, respectively, and the

Contracting Officer acknowledges that such water measurement devices are acceptable and are in use. All new surface water delivery systems installed within the Contractor's Service Area after the effective date of this interim renewal contract shall also be equipped with water measuring devices acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining, repairing, installing and operating all such measuring devices at no cost to the United States. The Contractor shall use the information obtained from such water measuring devices or water measuring methods to ensure proper management of the water; to bill water users for water delivered by the Contractor; and, if applicable, to record water delivered for municipal and industrial purposes by customer class as defined in its water conservation plan. Nothing herein contained, however, shall preclude the Contractor from establishing and collecting any charges, assessments or other revenues authorized by California law. The Contractor shall include a summary of its annual surface water deliveries in the annual report described in Article 25(d).

- (b) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the State of California in writing by April 30 of each Year of the monthly volume of surface water delivered within the Contractor's Service Area during the previous Year.
- (c) The Contractor shall be responsible for ascertaining whether the Project Water delivered by it is put to use as Irrigation Water or M&I Water and for reporting changes in usage to the Contracting Officer so that the Contracting Officer can prospectively apply the appropriate Rates and Charges. The Contractor shall continuously collect such information and take such other steps as may be necessary in this regard.

RATES AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER

7. (a) The Contractor shall pay the United States in monthly payments as provided in this Article for the quantities of Delivered Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this

- interim renewal contract. Such payments shall consist of the applicable Rates and Charges

 determined annually in accordance with applicable Federal law and associated regulations and

 applied in accordance with subdivision (j) of this Article. The Rates and Charges applicable

 upon execution of this interim renewal contract are set forth in Exhibit "B."
 - (b) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor of the Rates and Charges as follows:

- shall provide the Contractor the preliminary calculation of the Charges that will be applied for the period October 1, of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and identify the statutes, regulations and guidelines used as the basis for such calculations. On or before September 15, of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Charges to be in effect during the period October 1, of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B."
- shall make available to the Contractor an estimate of the Rates of payment for the following Year and the computations and cost allocations upon which those Rates are based. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such computations and cost allocations. By December 31 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor with the final Rates to be in effect for the upcoming Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B."
- (c) At the time the Contractor submits the initial schedule for the delivery of Project Water for each Year pursuant to Article 4(b) of this interim renewal contract, the

Contractor shall pay the United States the total amount payable pursuant to the applicable Rate(s) for all Project Water scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this interim renewal contract during the first two (2) calendar months of the Year. Before the end of the first month or part thereof of the Year, and before the end of each calendar month thereafter, the Contractor shall pay pursuant to the applicable Rate(s) for all Project Water scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this interim renewal contract during the second month immediately following. Adjustments between the payments for the scheduled amount of Project Water and the appropriate payments for quantities of Delivered Water furnished pursuant to this interim renewal contract each month shall be made before the end of the following month: Provided, That any revised schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to Article 4 which increases the amount of Project Water to be delivered pursuant to this interim renewal contract during any month shall be accompanied with appropriate payment for Rates to assure that Project Water is not furnished to the Contractor in advance of such payment. In any month in which the quantity of Delivered Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this interim renewal contract equals the quantity of Project Water scheduled and paid for by the Contractor, no additional Project Water shall be made available to the Contractor unless and until payment of Rates for such additional Project Water is made. Final adjustment between the payments of Rates for the Project Water scheduled and the quantities of Delivered Water furnished during each Year pursuant to its contract shall be made as soon as possible but no later than April 30th of the following Year.

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(d) The Contractor shall pay all Charges owing for Delivered Water before the end of the month following the month of delivery. Such amounts shall be consistent with the quantities of Irrigation Water and M&I Water shown in the United States' water delivery report for the subject month. The water delivery report shall be regarded by the Contractor as a bill for

the payment of appropriate Charges. Any monthly adjustment for overpayment or underpayment of Charges shall be accomplished through the adjustment of Charges due to the United States in the next month. By March 31, of each Year, the Contractor shall make any additional payment of Charges it is obligated to make for Delivered Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to its contract for the previous Year. The amount to be paid for past due payment of Charges shall be computed pursuant to Article 19 of this interim renewal contract.

- (e) The Contractor shall pay for any Project Water provided under Article 3(d) or 3(e) as determined by the Contracting Officer pursuant to applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines and policies.
- (f) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this interim renewal contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor.
- (g) Revenues received by the United States pursuant to this interim renewal contract shall be allocated and applied in accordance with Federal Reclamation law, including but not limited to, subsection 3 of Section 1 of the Act of July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483), and subsection (f) of Section 3405, subsection (c)(1) of Section 3406 and subsection (d)(2)(A) of Section 3407 of the CVPIA, and the associated regulations, including but not limited to, the Project Irrigation Water ratesetting policy and the Project M&I ratesetting policy promulgated pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.
- (h) At the Contractor's request, the Contracting Officer shall provide to the Contractor an accounting of all of the expenses allocated and the disposition of all revenues received pursuant to this interim renewal contract in sufficient detail to allow the Contractor to determine that the allocation of expenses and disposition of all revenues received was accomplished in conformance with Federal Reclamation law and the associated regulations. The

Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or disputes arising out of said accounting of the Contractor's review thereof.

- (i) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this interim renewal contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated that mechanisms, policies and procedures used for establishing Rates and Charges, and/or for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article would be in the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into agreements for alternative mechanisms, policies and procedures for any of those purposes while this interim renewal contract is in effect without amending this contract.
- (j) If the amount of Delivered Water equals or is less than 80 percent of the Contractor's maximum contractual entitlement to Project Water pursuant to Article 3(a), then payment for all Delivered Water shall be at the applicable Rates specified in Exhibit B. If the amount of Delivered Water exceeds 80 percent of the Contractor's maximum contractual entitlement to Project Water pursuant to Article 3(a), then payment for that amount of Delivered Water which equals 80 percent of the maximum contractual entitlement shall be at the applicable Rates specified in Exhibit B, but payment for the increment of Delivered Water which is in excess of 80 percent of the maximum contractual entitlement shall be as follows:
- (1) For the increment of Delivered Water which is in excess of 80 percent of maximum contract entitlement, this increment shall be deemed to be divided between Irrigation Water and M&I Water in the same proportion as actual deliveries of each bear to the total of Delivered Water.
- (2) When the total of Delivered Water exceeds 80 percent of, but is less than 90 percent of, maximum contractual entitlement, then the increment in excess of 80

percent which is deemed to be Irrigation Water shall be paid for by the Contractor at a rate equal to the average of the applicable Rate and the Full Cost Rate and the increment in excess of 80 percent which is deemed to be M&I Water shall be paid for by the Contractor at a rate equal to the average of the applicable Rate and the M&I Full Cost Rate.

(3) When the total of Delivered Water exceeds 90 percent of maximum contractual entitlement, then the increment in excess of 90 percent which is deemed to be Irrigation Water shall be paid for by the Contractor at the Full Cost Rate and the increment in excess of 90 percent which is deemed to be M&I Water shall be paid for by the Contractor at the M&I Full Cost Rate.

NON-INTEREST BEARING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DEFICITS

8. The Contractor and the Contracting Officer concur that at the time of the execution of Contract No. 14-06-200-489-A-IR1 the Contractor had paid all of its non-interest bearing operation and maintenance deficits and shall have no further liability therefor.

TRANSFERS OR EXCHANGES OF WATER

9. (a) The right to Project Water provided for in this interim renewal contract may be sold, transferred, or exchanged to others for beneficial uses within the State of California if such sale, transfer or exchange is authorized by applicable Federal laws, State laws, and applicable guidelines or regulations then in effect. The right to sell, transfer or exchange Project Water shall include, and the Contracting Officer shall apply this Article in a manner that does not impede or restrict, lawful short-term sales, transfers, subcontracts or exchanges of the type the Contractor historically carried out with approval of the Contracting Officer under Contract No. 14-06-200-489-A, as amended. No sale, transfer or exchange of the right to Project Water under

- this interim renewal contract may take place without the prior written approval of the Contracting
 Officer.
- (b) For the purpose of determining whether Section 3405(a)(1)(M) of the

 CVPIA applies to the Contractor as a transferor or a transferee of Project Water, the Contracting

 Officer acknowledges that the Contractor is within a county, watershed, or other area of origin, as

 those terms are utilized under California law, of water that constitutes the natural flow of the

 Sacramento River and its tributaries above the confluence of the American and Sacramento

 Rivers.

<u>APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS</u>

- 10. (a) The amount of any overpayment by the Contractor shall be applied first to any accrued indebtedness arising out of this interim renewal contract then due and payable by the Contractor. Any amount of such overpayment then remaining shall, at the option of the Contractor, be refunded to the Contractor or credited upon amounts to become due to the United States from the Contractor under the provisions hereof in the following months. With respect to overpayment, such adjustment shall constitute the sole remedy of the Contractor or anyone having or claiming to have the right to the use of any of the water supply provided for herein.
- (b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the Contractor pursuant to Article 24 shall be adjusted to reflect the actual costs when the work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual costs incurred, the difference will be refunded to the Contractor. If the actual costs exceed the Contractor's advances, the Contractor will be billed for the additional costs pursuant to Article 24.

TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS--RETURN FLOWS

- 11. (a) Subject to: i) the authorized purposes and priorities of the Project; and ii) the obligations of the United States under existing contracts, or renewals thereof, providing for water deliveries from the Project, the Contracting Officer shall make all reasonable efforts to optimize Project Water deliveries to the Contractor as provided in the contract.
- Project Water to be delivered to the Contractor as herein provided for the purposes of investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any of the Project facilities or any part thereof necessary for the delivery of Project Water to the Contractor, but so far as feasible the Contracting Officer will give the Contractor due notice in advance of such temporary discontinuance or reduction, except in case of emergency, in which case no notice need be given: Provided, That the United States shall use its best efforts to avoid any discontinuance or reduction in such service. Upon resumption of service after such reduction or discontinuance, and if requested by the Contractor, the United States will, if possible, deliver the quantity of Project Water which would have been delivered hereunder in the absence of such discontinuance or reduction:

 Provided, Further, That with respect to any quantity of Project Water not delivered after a discontinuance or reduction the Contractor shall be relieved of its scheduling and payment obligations for such quantity of Project Water.
- (c) The United States reserves the right to all seepage and return flow water derived from water delivered to the Contractor hereunder which escapes or is discharged beyond the Contractor's Service Area: Provided, That this shall not be construed as claiming for the United States any right to seepage or return flow being put to reasonable and beneficial use

pursuant to this interim renewal contract within the Contractor's Service Area by the Contractor or those claiming by, through, or under the Contractor.

WATER SHORTAGE AND APPORTIONMENT

- 12. (a) In its operation of the Project, the Contracting Officer will use all reasonable means to guard against a condition of shortage in the quantity of water to be made available to the Contractor pursuant to this contract. Insofar as determined by the Contracting Officer to be practicable, the Contracting Officer will, in the event a shortage appears probable, notify the Contractor of such determinations as soon as possible.
- (b) If there is a reduction in the total water supply available to the Contractor during any Year because of errors in physical operations of the Project, drought, other physical causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer or actions taken by the Contracting Officer to meet legal obligations, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damages, direct or indirect, arising therefrom, so long as actions based upon the opinions or determinations of the Contracting Officer are consistent with the standards in Article 18.
- (c) In any Year in which there may occur a shortage for any of the reasons specified in subdivision (b) above, the Contracting Officer shall apportion the available Project Water supply among the Contractor and others entitled, under existing contracts and future contracts (to the extent such future contracts are permitted under subsections (a) and (b) of Section 3404 of the CVPIA) and renewals thereof, to receive Project Water consistent with the contractual obligations of the United States: Provided, That no reduction shall be made to M&I Water made available to the Contractor unless and until reductions have also been imposed on irrigation users receiving water from the integrated Project Water supply, irrespective of water

allocations as determined by the Contracting Officer made to prevent undue hardship: and
Provided Further, That in no Year of shortage shall the Contracting Officer reduce the quantity of

M&I Water made available to the Contractor by more than 25 percent of historical use, as

defined in subdivision (e) of this Article, unless the type of water shortage emergency condition

described in subdivision (f) of this Article exists. The quantity of Project Water made available

to the Contractor shall be determined in accordance with the following subdivisions of this

Article.

- (d) Regulatory Restrictions. During any Year in which the Contracting Officer determines that the United States will be unable to provide the full supply of Project Water specified in this contract, and the basis of that determination is regulatory restrictions on the delivery of Project Water to the Contractor, the minimum amount of M&I Water the Contracting Officer will make available to the Contractor for municipal and industrial use shall be 85 percent of historical use, as defined below.
- (e) <u>Water Shortages.</u> During any Year in which the Contracting Officer determines that the United States will be unable to provide the full supply of Project Water specified in this contract, and the basis of this determination is a shortage of water, the quantity of M&I Water the Contracting Officer will make available to the Contractor for municipal and industrial use shall be a percentage of historical use, as defined below. The amount of M&I Water made available to the Contractor for municipal and industrial use pursuant to this subdivision shall not be less that 75 percent of historical use. Historical use shall be the average quantity of M&I Water put to beneficial use within the Service Area during the last three years of water deliveries not affected by water shortages adjusted for growth.

Officer determines that the United States will be unable to provide the full supply of Project Water specified in this contract to the Contractor, and the basis of that determination is that the Project Water supply is so severe that shortages beyond those in subdivision (c) are deemed necessary for Project municipal and industrial users, the Contracting Officer shall declare that a state of water shortage emergency exists with respect to water available to municipal and industrial users. A state of water shortage emergency shall not be declared for municipal and industrial users unless Project agricultural water users' allocation is being established on a case-by-case basis for sustaining the life of trees and vines. During a water shortage emergency, municipal and industrial water service contractor allocations, including the Contractor, shall be sufficient to satisfy public health and safety requirements, as calculated by the Contractor, pursuant to its then current water shortage contingency plan.

(g) Upon filing of the Record of Decision associated with the environmental documentation mandated by Section 3409 of P.L. 102-575, or upon negotiation of the next successive interim renewal contract, whichever is earlier in time, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer shall renegotiate the provisions of this Article. The renegotiation of this Article will be for the purpose of modifying this Article consistent with the then existing Project shortage policy.

<u>UNAVOIDABLE GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION</u>

13. The Contractor shall not be deemed to have furnished Irrigation Water to Excess Lands or Ineligible Lands within the meaning of this interim renewal contract if such lands are irrigated with groundwater that reaches the underground strata as an unavoidable result of the furnishing of Irrigation Water by the Contractor to Eligible Lands.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL RECLAMATION LAW

14. This interim renewal contract shall be implemented in accordance with all applicable provisions of Federal Reclamation law, as amended and supplemented.

WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

15. The Contractor, in carrying out this contract, shall comply with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California, and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities.

QUALITY OF WATER

- 16. (a) Project facilities used to make available and deliver Project Water to the Contractor pursuant to this interim renewal contract shall be operated and maintained to enable the United States to make available and deliver Project Water to the Contractor in accordance with the water quality standards specified in subsection 2(b) of the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 865), as added by Section 101 of the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050) or other existing Federal laws. The United States is under no obligation to construct or furnish water treatment facilities to maintain or to better the quality of Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this contract. The United States does not warrant the quality of Project Water made available and delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this contract.
- (b) The operation and maintenance of Project facilities shall be performed in such manner as is practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through such facilities at the highest level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with all State and Federal water quality standards applicable to surface and subsurface agricultural drainage discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractor facilities or Project Water provided by the Contractor within the Contractor

tor's Service Area. This Article shall not affect or alter any legal obligations of the Secretary to provide drainage services.

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WATER ACQUIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

17. Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor other than from the United States and Irrigation Water furnished pursuant to the terms of this interim renewal contract may be simultaneously transported through the same distribution facilities of the Contractor subject to the following: (i) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation Water and non-Project water were constructed without funds made available pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, the provisions of Federal Reclamation law will be applicable only to the Landholders of lands which receive Irrigation Water; (ii) the eligibility of land to receive Irrigation Water must be established through the certification requirements as specified in the Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations (43 CFR Part 426); (iii) the water requirements of Eligible Lands within the Contractor's Service Area can be established and the quantity of Irrigation Water to be utilized is less than or equal to the quantity necessary to irrigate such Eligible Lands; and (iv) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation Water and non-Project water are constructed with funds made available pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, the non-Project water will be subject to Federal Reclamation law, until such funds have been repaid.

OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

18. (a) Where the terms of this interim renewal contract provide for actions to be based upon the opinion or determination of either party to this contract, said terms shall not be construed as permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable

opinions or determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other provisions of this contract,
expressly reserve the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment, including monetary
damages, for any such arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable opinion or determination. Each
opinion or determination by either party shall be provided in a timely manner.

(b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this interim renewal contract that are consistent with the expressed and implied provisions of this contract, the laws of the United States and the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to the extent reasonably practicable.

CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

- 19. (a) The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative and penalty charges on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the due date, the Contractor shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. When a payment becomes 60 days delinquent, the Contractor shall pay an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and processing the delinquent payment. When a payment is delinquent 90 days or more, the Contractor shall pay an additional penalty charge of 6 percent per year for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. Further, the Contractor shall pay any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.
- (b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the interest rate of 0.5 percent per month prescribed by Section 6 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.
- (c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third to the accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- 20. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
- (1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of payment or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (3) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (5) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by said amended Executive Order and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Contracting Officer and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (6) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in said amended Executive Order, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in said Executive Order, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of said amended Executive Order, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

GENERAL OBLIGATION--BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT

- 21. (a) The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided in this contract is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation may be distributed among the Contractor's water users and notwithstanding the default of individual water users in their obligations to the Contractor.
- (b) The payment of charges becoming due hereunder is a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this contract. The United States shall not make water available to the Contractor through project facilities during any period in which the Contractor may be in arrears in the advance payment of water rates due the United States. The Contractor shall not furnish water made available pursuant to this contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates levied or established by the Contractor.

COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- 22. (a) The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-112, as amended), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.) and any other applicable civil rights laws, as well as with their respective implementing regulations and guidelines imposed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.
- (b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. By executing this contract, the Contractor agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to implement this obligation, including permitting officials of the United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.
- (c) The Contractor makes this agreement in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractor by the Bureau of

Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Article, and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement thereof.

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PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE

- 23. (a) The Contractor shall comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) (the Act) and the Department of the Interior rules and regulations under the Act (43 CFR 2.45 et seq.) in maintaining landholder acreage certification and reporting records, required to be submitted to the Contractor for compliance with sections 206 and 228 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1266), and pursuant to 43 CFR 426.10.
- (b) With respect to the application and administration of the criminal penalty provisions of the Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)), the Contractor and the Contractor's employees responsible for maintaining the certification and reporting records referenced in (a) above are considered to be employees of the Department of the Interior. See 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
- (c) The Contracting Officer or a designated representative shall provide the Contractor with current copies of the Interior Department Privacy Act regulations and the Bureau of Reclamation Federal Register Privacy Act System of Records Notice (Acreage Limitation-Interior, Reclamation-31) which govern the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of information contained in the landholder's certification and reporting records.
- (d) The Contracting Officer shall designate a full-time employee of the Bureau of Reclamation to be the System Manager who shall be responsible for making decisions on denials pursuant to 43 CFR 2.61 and 2.64 amendment requests pursuant to 43 CFR 2.72. The Contractor is authorized to grant requests by individuals for access to their own records.
- (e) The Contractor shall forward promptly to the System Manager each proposed denial of access under 43 CFR 2.64; and each request for amendment of records filed under 43 CFR 2.71; notify the requester accordingly of such referral; and provide the System Manager with information and records necessary to prepare an appropriate response to the requester. These requirements do not apply to individuals seeking access to their own certification and reporting forms filed with the Contractor pursuant to 43 CFR 426.10, unless the requester elects to cite the Privacy Act as a basis for the request.

CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

24. In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor pursuant to this contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, within sixty (60) days after receipt of a bill and detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Contractor for such specific

items of direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Contractor associated with this interim renewal contract plus a percentage of such direct costs for administrative and general overhead in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policy and procedures.

All such amounts referred to in this Article shall not exceed the amount agreed to in writing in advance by the Contractor. This Article shall not apply to costs for routine contract administration.

WATER CONSERVATION

- 25. (a) Prior to the delivery of water provided from or conveyed through Federally constructed or Federally financed facilities pursuant to this contract, the Contractor shall be implementing an effective water conservation program based on the Contractor's water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet the conservation and efficiency criteria established under Federal law. The water conservation program shall contain definite water conservation objectives, appropriate economically feasible water conservation measures, and time schedules for meeting those objectives.
- (b) Should the combined amount of M&I Water delivered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 3 during the term of this interim renewal contract equal or exceed 2,000 acre-feet, the Contractor shall implement the Best Management Practices identified by and the time frames issued by the California Urban Water Conservation Council unless any such practice is determined by the Contracting Officer to be inappropriate for the Contractor.
- (c) As part of the water conservation program, the Contractor shall develop and be implementing a tiered block water pricing program that promotes conservation and the efficient management of Project Water during the term of this contract. Such pricing program for Project Water shall take into account all relevant circumstances, including without limitation,

water shortages imposed under this interim renewal contract and the availability and cost of the Contractor's and individual water user's non-Project alternative sources of supply, including ground water and other non-Project water supplies, so that the Contractor's pricing structure provides incentives for conservation and the efficient management of overall water supply available to water users served by the Contractor. Provided, That no such tiered block water pricing program need be implemented by the Contractor if the Contracting Officer determines, based on information provided by the Contractor, that (i) such a pricing structure will not result in significant conservation of water available for use within the Contractor's service area, including ground water or (ii) other pricing program, conservation or management measures are more appropriate and/or will result in comparable or better conservation of the water supplies available within the Contractor's boundaries. Provided further, If the Contractor fails to, or elects not to, comply with this subdivision of Article 25, then any subsequent interim renewal contract shall contain a tiered pricing contractual provision pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 3405 of the CVPIA.

(d) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer by

December 31, of each Calendar Year, an annual report on the status of its implementation of the water conservation program.

EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

26. Except as specifically provided in Article 17 of this contract, the provisions of this interim renewal contract shall not be applicable to or affect water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor or any user of such water within the Contractor's Service Area from other than the United States by the Contractor. Any such water shall not be considered Project Water under this contract. In addition, this interim renewal contract shall not be

- 1 construed as limiting or curtailing any rights which the Contractor or any water user within the
- 2 Contractor's Service Area acquires or has available under any other contract pursuant to the
- 3 Federal Reclamation law.

SALES AND DELIVERY OUTSIDE OF CONTRACTOR SERVICE AREA

water to certain water-users or water-user organizations who are located outside the Service Area of the Contractor and who are not under contract with the United States for supply of Project Water: Provided, That the validity of any such contract shall be expressly conditioned upon prior approval by the Contracting Officer; Provided, That any such contract for sale of Project Water to an entity, organization, or person which resells or redistributes the water to end-users shall require that the water-purchaser submit a water conservation plan or program in accordance with Article 25 to the Contracting Officer - or a substitute acceptable to the Contracting Officer - in a form acceptable to the Contracting Officer, and subject to ongoing monitoring and enforcement by the Contracting Officer.

CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

28. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the United States under this contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds. Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligations under this contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated or allotted.

BOOKS RECORDS AND REPORTS

29. The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this contract, including: the Contractor's financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way agreements; the water users' land-use (crop census), landownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this contract shall have

the right during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records relating to matters covered by this contract.

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ASSIGNMENT LIMITED--SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED

- 30. (a) The provisions of this contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this contract or any right or interest therein shall be valid until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.
- (b) The assignment of any right or interest in this interim renewal contract by either party shall not interfere with the rights or obligations of the other party to this interim renewal contract absent the written concurrence of said other party.

SEVERABILITY

31. In the event that a person or entity who is neither (i) a party to a Project interim renewal contract, nor (ii) a person or entity that receives Project Water from a party to a Project interim renewal contract, nor (iii) an association or other form of organization whose primary function is to represent parties to Project interim renewal contracts, brings an action in a court of competent jurisdiction challenging the legality or enforceability of a provision included in this interim renewal contract and said person, entity, association, or organization obtains a final court decision holding that such provision is legally invalid or unenforceable and the Contractor has not intervened in that lawsuit in support of the plaintiff(s), the parties to this interim renewal contract shall use their best efforts to (i) within thirty (30) days of the date of such final court decision identify by mutual agreement the provisions in this interim renewal contract which must be revised, and (ii) within three (3) months thereafter promptly agree on the appropriate revision(s). The time periods specified above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Pending the completion of the actions designated above, to the extent it can do so without violating any applicable provisions of law, the United States shall continue to make the quantities

of Project Water specified in this interim renewal contract available to the Contractor pursuant to
the provisions of this interim renewal contract which were not found to be legally invalid or
unenforceable in the final court decision.

OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

32. No Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner or official of the Contractor shall benefit from this contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same manner as other water users or landowners.

CHANGES IN CONTRACTOR'S BOUNDARIES OR SERVICE AREA

33. While this contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Contractor's boundaries, or Service Area by inclusion or exclusion of lands, dissolution, consolidation, merger or otherwise, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.

NOTICES

34. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this contract shall be deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contractor, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Northern California Area Office, 16349 Shasta Dam Boulevard, Shasta Lake, California 96019-8400, and on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Board of Directors of the Clear Creek Community Services District, 5880 Oak Street, Anderson, California 96007. The designation of the addressee or the address may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided in this Article for other notices.

CONTINUATION OF CONTRACT NO. 14-06-200-489-A

35. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that Part A (i.e., Articles 2 through 10) of Contract No. 14-06-200-489-A (as amended, and as modified by the letter agreement dated December 14, 1971) is replaced by this interim renewal contract. The respective duties, covenants, and obligations of the parties in Contract No. 14-06-200-489-A, as amended, which are not replaced by this interim renewal contract shall continue in full force and effect, pending prompt completion of good faith negotiations between the parties to agree upon an amendatory contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this interim renewal contract as of		
the day and year first above written.		
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
By: /s/ Lowell F. Ploss Acting Regional Director Mid-Pacific Region Bureau of Reclamation		
CLEAR CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES I	DISTRICT	
By: /s/ Larry Russell President		
Attest: /s/ Charlotte Workman-Flowers Secretary		
(SEAL)	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY /s/ James E. Turner OFFICE OF REGIONAL SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR	
	the day and year first above written. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA By:/s/_ Lowell F. Ploss	